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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Hawkins et al.

Title: HUMAN PYROPHOSPHATASE

Serial No.: 09/415,540

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Examiner: Slobodyansky, E

Group Art Unit: 1652

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 1999, Paper Number 8 (Office Action), Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the first sentence of the specification as follows:

Please replace the sentence "This application is a divisional application of U.S. application serial number 08/741,437, filed October 31, 1996, which is a divisional of U.S. patent no. 5,843,665, U.S. serial no. 09/134,593, filed August 13, 1998." with --This application is a divisional application of U.S. patent no. 5,981,232, U.S. serial no. 09/134,593, filed August 13, 1998, which is a divisional application of U.S. patent no. 5,843,665, U.S. serial number 08/741,437, filed October 31, 1996.--